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TAGS: TSPA, CI

SUBJ: APOLLO 17 LUNAR SAMPLE PRESENTATION

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1. AN INSCRIBED MOUNTED LUNAR SAMPLE TOGETHER WITH A CHILEAN FLAG CARRIED TO THE MOON ON APOLLO 17 WILL BE SENT TO YOUR POST FOR PRESENTATION TO CHILE FOR PERMANENT RETENTION AND DISPLAY. REFERENCE TELEGRAM STATED THAT LUNAR SAMPLE WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO COUNTRIES WHICH PARTICIPATED IN INTERNATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE TOUR LAST DECEMBER.

2. INSCRIPTION ON PRESENTATION ITEM WILL STATE THAT LUNAR SAMPLE IS GIFT FROM THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE PEOPLE OF CHILE.

3. DEPARTMENT ENVISAGES PRESENTATION BY AMBASSADOR TO AN APPROPRIATE SPACE OR SCIENCE OFFICIAL OF HOST GOVERNMENT IN A CEREMONY WITH APPROPRIATE INFORMATION MEDIA COVERAGE.
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IF POSSIBLE, AND IF EMBASSY PERCEIVES NO POLITICAL OR OTHER OBJECTION, THE STUDENT GONZALO ACUNA LEIVA FROM CHILE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE TOUR SHOULD BE FEATURED AS HONORARY CUSTODIAN IN THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

4. POST REQUESTED TO INFORM HOST GOVERNMENT OF AVAILABILITY OF PRESENTATION ITEM (WHICH WILL BE POUCHED TO YOU DURING COMING WEEK). GOVERNMENT SHOULD DESIGNATE APPROPRIATE INSTITUTION CAPABLE OF AND INTERESTED IN PLACING ITEM ON PERMANENT DISPLAY UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH WILL ASSURE THAT LUNAR SAMPLE RECEIVES ADEQUATE VISIBILITY AND COMPLETE AND CONTINUING PROTECTION.

5. SUGGESTED THEME FOR AMBASSADOR' S REMARKS AT PRESENTATION CEREMONY: QUOTE THE APOLLO LUNAR LANDING PROGRAM CONDUCTED BY THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION. MEN FROM THE PLANET EARTH HAVE REACHED THE FIRST MILESTONE IN SPACE. BUT AS WE STRETCH FOR THE STARS, WE KNOW THAT WE STAND ALSO UPON THE SHOULDERS OF MANY MEN OF MANY NATIONS HERE ON OUR OWN PLANET. IN THE DEEPEST SENSE OUR EXPLORATION OF THE MOON WAS TRULY AN INTERNATIONAL EFFORT.

IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT, ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES I PRESENT THIS FLAG, WHICH WAS CARRIED TO THE MOON, TO THE PEOPLE OF CHILE, AND THIS FRAGMENT OF THE MOON OBTAINED DURING THE FINAL LUNAR MISSION OF THE APOLLO PROGRAM.

IF PEOPLE OF MANY NATIONS CAN ACT TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE THE DREAMS OF HUMANITY IN SPACE, THEN SURELY WE CAN ACT TOGETHER TO ACCOMPLISH HUMANITY' S DREAM OF PEACE HERE ON EARTH. IT WAS IN THIS SPIRIT THAT THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WENT TO THE MOON, AND IT IS IN THIS SPIRIT THAT WE LOOK FORWARD TO SHARING WHAT WE HAVE DONE AND WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED WITH ALL MANKIND UNQUOTE ROGERS

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